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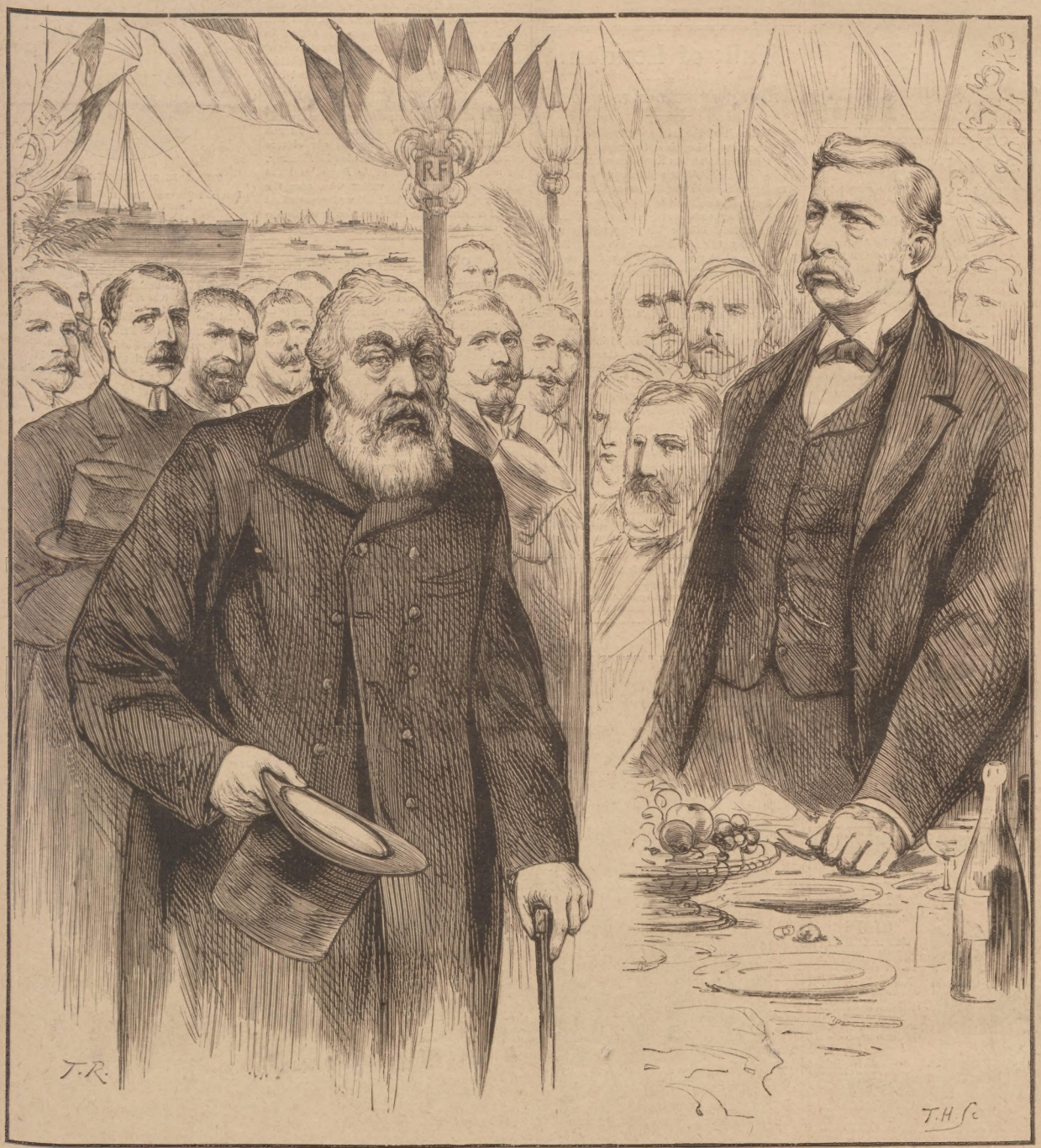

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PAUL KRUGER'S DIPLOMACY.

THE visit of the astute ex-President of the Transvaal Republic to France has a particular interest for Englishmen. A pregnant sentence in Mr. Balfour's letter, summoning his followers to meet in the House of Commons on Monday next, reminds the nation seasonably of the colossal expense Oom Paul has put us to. As the First Lord of the Treasury pithily says: "The prolongation of hostilities in South Africa has rendered it necessary to submit a supplementary estimate for current military expenditure, and I therefore trust that it will be in your power to be in your place on that day." Viewing the unwelcome fact that the War the grim and obstinate Boer Chief deliberately provoked by his truculent Ultimatum will probably in the end cost Great Britain no less than a Hundred Million Pounds sterling, terribly over-taxed ratepayers have just reason for hoping the Chancellor of the Exchequer will keep his word, and make such a call upon the gold-mines of Johannesburg as will in some measure lighten the burdens we have to bear. Mr. Kruger was prompt to deprive himself of any commiseration that might have been felt on this side of the Channel for the white-bearded old fugitive from the Transvaal. He had no sooner landed, on Nov. 22, from the *Gelderland* at Marseilles (where his well-paid Ambassador, Dr. Leyds, organised a boisterous reception for his master) than he uttered this

Malignant Libel against Tommy Atkins—

The war which is being waged against the two Republics has reached the utmost limits of barbarity. In my life I have had occasion many times to fight with the savage tribes of Africa, but the barbarians with whom we have now to fight are much worse than the others. They have gone so far as to arm the Kaffirs against us. They burn our farms, which we have built with so much difficulty, they hunt the women and children whose husbands and fathers have been killed or taken prisoners. They leave them without protection, without wood, and often without bread. But whatever may happen, we shall never surrender; we will keep until the end our great and immovable confidence in the Almighty, in our God. Our cause is just, and if the justice of men fail us, the Almighty, who is above all nations, and to whom the future belongs, will not abandon us. I can assure you that, if the Transvaal and the Orange Free State are to lose their independence, it will be because the two Boer peoples have been destroyed, with their women and children.

President Loubet and the Ministry of M. Waldeck-Rousseau have, fortunately, been prudent enough to suppress anti-English demonstrations in Marseilles and in Paris (which greeted Mr. Kruger enthusiastically last Saturday on his arrival at the Hôtel Scribe); and it is to the credit of respectable French journals, it may be repeated, such as the *Figaro*, *Temps*, *Journal des Débats*, and *Siècle*, that they have, by their moderate and sensible criticisms of England's action in the War, counteracted to a great extent the malevolence of the ungrateful Rochefort (who seemingly forgets that London offered him asylum in the days of his exile), and the blatant abuse of *Le Matin* and *La Patrie* (save the mark!). Apropos of the praiseworthy attitude towards Englishmen of the most rational French journalists, we may fitly express our sincere regret at the death from pneumonia of M. Valfrey, the able foreign Editor of *Le Figaro*, and the skilful and sympathetic writer who, over the popular signature of "Whist," wrote much that should cement the desired *entente cordiale* between two such close neighbours as France and England.

General Buller's Reply.

By a curious coincidence—as if anticipating that Mr. Kruger would endeavour to besmirch the fair fame of the "gentleman in khaki"—General Sir Redvers Buller effectually refuted the abominable libel the very same day it was uttered. Devon's military idol journeyed from exuberantly enthusiastic Crediton to Exeter in order to receive the well-won honours that historic City, with true Devonshire kind-heartedness, determined to bestow upon him. The distinguished Commander who saved Ladysmith and drove the Boer besiegers back by Majuba Hill of evil memory, was accorded a magnificent reception by Exeter, the principal thoroughfares of which were thronged with enthusiastic Devonians, who cheered their hero with gusto. Sir Redvers, who was accompanied by Lady Audrey and Miss Buller, first had the Freedom of the City and a Sword of Honour conferred upon him, and was then entertained at a luncheon over which Lord Clinton presided. It was in the course of the straightforward and candid speech he made in reply to Lord Clinton's toast, "Our Guests from South Africa," that Sir Redvers Buller virtually disposed of the infamous libel by Mr. Kruger—

We are accused of using these men badly. I speak for one half of the Transvaal, and I am able to say from personal knowledge that during the time I was there there were only three occasions upon which there was any complaint of injury and assaults upon women. In two cases the culprit was a Hottentot following the forces, and in the other case he was a local Kaffir. In no case was he a

THE LATE SIR ARTHUR SULLIVAN,
BRITAIN'S GREATEST MUSICAL COMPOSER, BURIED AT ST. PAUL'S LAST TUESDAY.

soldier. (Cheers.) I believe there never was an army which received the provocation that our forces did, nor in any case has an army receiving provocation behaved so well on entering an enemy's territory. . . . So I ask you not to believe the stories which are being promulgated to the disadvantage of the British Army, as they are all of them most gross libels. (Cheers.)

And the British public believes as heartily in the humanity of the British soldier as General Buller does. As for Sir Redvers, admiration for him has grown to such an extent since his return from the War that he is bound to be welcomed with deafening cheers by his brother "Devonians in London" when he dines with them at the Hotel Cecil banquet in his honour this (Friday) evening.

The Late Sir Arthur Sullivan.

"Within the limits of becoming mirth," there never was a merrier man than Sir Arthur Sullivan, the great musical composer, whose remains were interred last Tuesday in the crypt of St. Paul's Cathedral. He frequently made most amusing jokes on musical subjects. Sometimes they required a technical knowledge of the art. For example, the famous conundrum on the "common chord." Three notes, E, G, and C, form the common chord in the key of C Major. Sir Arthur's query was: "Why does this chord

A TIMELY SOUVENIR.

Photo. Russell, Windsor.

THE QUEEN INSPECTING THE COMPOSITE REGIMENT OF HOUSEHOLD CAVAVRY AT WINDSOR ON NOVEMBER 11, 1899.

remind you of a famous ocean?" Because it is the "Egean Sea."

Sir Arthur's Irish Opera.

There is much curiosity respecting Sir Arthur Sullivan's latest opera. Mr. R. D'Oyly Carte desires that the plot and general character of the work may not be revealed until the eve of production. But there is no harm in announcing the title, which will be "The Emerald Isle," the libretto being by Captain Basil Hood. Sir Arthur was so desirous of completing this opera that, weak as he was, he frequently sat up in bed and added to the score in the last months of his life. Every record of the delightful musician only increases our love and admiration. "Wearing the white flower of a blameless life," Sir Arthur Sullivan was loved by all who knew him.

His Affectionate Remembrances of His Parents

were touching. In memory of his honoured father he wrote a fine overture, one of his best works. It was performed at Queen's Hall last Saturday. "The Lost Chord" was a tribute to a well-loved brother. On Nov. 9—the last time he was in the open air—Sir Arthur placed flowers upon his mother's grave in Brompton Cemetery, where it was decided our greatest modern musician should rest till St. Paul's was rightly fixed upon.

Irish Composers.

Is it not a little singular that the musicians who have been the most popular in this country, and who have also enjoyed the greatest esteem abroad, are mostly natives of "the Emerald Isle." Balfe, whose "Bohemian Girl" has travelled all over the world, was born in Dublin in 1808; Vincent Wallace, composer of "Maritana," was born in 1814 at Waterford; Dr. Villiers Stanford was born in Dublin in 1852; John Field, born at Dublin in 1782, became so celebrated at Moscow that to this day he is called "Russian Field." His dreamy and graceful nocturnes really suggested the famous nocturnes of Chopin. He died at Moscow in 1837. The beautiful songs of Ireland have always been greatly admired by foreign musicians. Flotow, the composer of "Martha," makes the "Last Rose of Summer" the chief feature of the opera.

Revival of the Whole Series of Gilbert-Sullivan Operas.

The revival of these delightful operas is already contemplated. It is hardly likely that Mr. D'Oyly Carte will let so excellent an opportunity of increasing Sir Arthur's fame (and that of Mr. W. S. Gilbert too) pass without taking advantage of it. We shall probably have "The Emerald Isle" after the run of "Patience," and then enjoy anew the older operas. Whenever they have been revived they have enjoyed a long run simply because no other comic operas have ever equalled them. So hopeful and cheerful was Sir Arthur Sullivan almost to the last, so mindful of the affection he inspired, that he had actually invited a select circle of friends to spend the day with him on Sunday last. "Man proposes, but God disposes." After placing the flowers upon his mother's grave, this pure and noble man of genius, this true friend and unsullied soul, returned to his chamber to die. He rests in peace, and since Purcell produced his "King Arthur," nearly three centuries ago, we have had no greater musician.

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"IT'S NOTHING, MY BOYS!"
LORD ROBERTS QUICKLY LEAPT UP AFTER HIS HORSE ACCIDENT.

THE CLOSING BOER WAR.

"BOBS" SOON UP AGAIN.

THE veteran Commander-in-Chief of Her Majesty's forces in South Africa has so completely won the love of the Empire that universal regret was occasioned by the news of his recent horse accident. As the well-informed "Clubman" of the *Sketch* points out this week, Lord Roberts is such a consummately good horseman that the tidings were as surprising as they were unwelcome. It appears that while out riding on Nov. 18 at Johannesburg, Lord Roberts's horse slipped on the wet ground, and the Commander-in-Chief was thrown and dragged along for a few yards. But his Lordship was soon on his legs. Hard as nails, he is able to bear such a shock as he experienced much better than many comparatively young men would.

It is satisfactory to know that both Lord Roberts and his daughter were reported to be improving greatly when we last heard from Cape Town, and that the intrepid veteran who occupied Bloemfontein Johannesburg, and Pretoria so swiftly, and brought about the relief of Kimberley and Mafeking, will soon be on the high seas, bound for England. His military knowledge and experience are of too great value to the nation at home to allow him to be detained much longer in South Africa, where he will have a vigorous successor in his energetic Chief of Staff,

Lieutenant-General Lord Kitchener,

who has already commenced bustling De Wet and Botha about briskly.

Gallant Trooper Picton of Loch's Horse.

We learn from Harrismith that an instance of extraordinary courage by a trooper in Loch's Horse has been brought to the special notice of General Hunter. A troop of Loch's Horse were recently out on patrol with Colonel Ross and Lieutenant Williams, and somehow they rode into an ambush. Lieutenant Williams was almost immediately killed, and Colonel Ross dangerously wounded in the head.

At this critical juncture Trooper Picton (good Peninsular name!) gallantly rushed up to the wall of the Kaffir kraal from which the enemy had opened their unexpected fire, and discovered six Boers still there. He immediately emptied his revolver with such effect that three of the Boers fell dead, and the remainder forthwith laid down their arms, and were taken prisoners. Trooper Picton, for his gallant action, has been recommended for the medal for distinguished service in the field.

How a Hero of the Hussars Sacrificed His Life to Save General Broadwood.

We learn from Pretoria that General Broadwood had a narrow escape during a midnight raid on a farmhouse. Eight Boers were captured, but during the skirmish a Boer sprang up suddenly and fired at the General. A Hussar rushed forward and received the shot in his stomach. He died next day.

Welcome Home to the Household Cavalry.

We print one of Russell's photographs of the Queen's farewell inspection of the Composite Regiment of Household Cavalry at Windsor on the eve of their departure for the War. It went without saying that Her Majesty evinced as deep an interest in the return of these splendid troopers, who have fought so well under Colonel Nedd. They were among the finest horsemen that dashing Cavalry Commander, General French, led to victory after victory, and took part with him in the grand ride which brought about the Relief of Colonel Kekewich's beleaguered garrison in Kimberley—a ride so superbly described by Mr. Hales in the *Daily News*, and represented in the Illustration which the *B.I.P.* offers as a richly merited tribute of admiration to the Composite Regiment.

The Household Cavalry lost during the campaign ninety-five officers and men by death, wounds, and disease. The loss is made up as follows—

	OFFICERS			MEN.		
	Died	Kld.	Wd.	Died	Kld.	Wd.
1st Life Guards	... 1	... —	... —	13	... 2	... 9
2nd Life Guards	... 2	... 1	... 1	11	... 2	... 16
R.H. Guards (Blue)	1	... 1	... 1	15	... 3	... 16
Total...	4	... 2	... 2	39	... 7	... 41

Thus there died from disease, 4 officers and 39 men; killed, 2 officers and 7 men; wounded, 2 officers and 41 men; total casualties, 95.

This return does not, of course, include the men invalided home who are now convalescent and with their regiments. Immediately on landing from the *Hawarden Castle* it was arranged that the squadrons should proceed to rejoin their old regiments—the 1st Life Guards to Windsor, the 2nd Life Guards to Albany Street, and the Royal Horse Guards (Blue) to Knightsbridge.

The detachment of the 1st Life Guards was received on its arrival at Windsor by the Mayor and Corporation. The day after its return it was to be entertained at Combermere Barracks by the regiment, and on Friday evening to a banquet at the White Hart Hotel by the local Reception Committee.

At Albany Street the 2nd Life Guards were entertained at dinner on the evening of their arrival. On the Friday the non-commissioned officers who had not been in South Africa will entertain their comrades of corresponding rank at dinner. An almost similar programme has been arranged at Knightsbridge Barracks by the "Blues."

The officers who lost their lives during the war were: Killed—Captain Lord Kensington, 2nd Life Guards; Lieutenant Rose. Died of disease—Captain R. A. H. Peel and Captain Faussett, R.A.M.C., 2nd Life Guards; Lieutenant-Colonel Forrester, R.A.M.C., Royal Horse Guards (Blue); and Veterinary Major Loughlan, 1st Life Guards.

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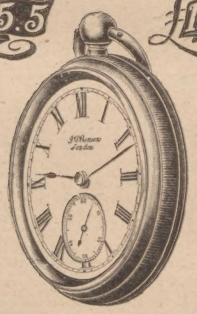

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HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

HER MAJESTY held a Council on Monday at half-past one o'clock, at which were present: The Duke of Devonshire, K.G. (Lord President), the Earl of Clarendon (Lord Chamberlain), and the Earl of Kintore, G.C.M.G. (Lord in Waiting). The Right Hon. Gerald FitzGibbon and Sir James Stirling, Lords Justices of Appeal, were introduced and sworn in as members. Mr. Almeric Fitzroy was in attendance as Clerk. The Duke of Devonshire had an audience of the Queen previous to the Council.

The Queen arranged to see about 300 Canadian Volunteers returned from South Africa, who visited Windsor Castle yesterday. The men were inspected in the Grand Quadrangle, and afterwards entertained in the Royal Riding School.

The Prince of Wales is to leave Sandringham for Marlborough House on Monday, and on Tuesday goes to Henley Park, near Guildford, on a visit to Lord and Lady Pirbright until Dec. 7.

The Czar's Illness.—The official bulletin on the condition of the Czar published last Monday stated that a distinct improvement was observable in the course of His Majesty's illness. A Copenhagen correspondent learns that the crisis in the fever was reached on Sunday night, when the Imperial patient's state was for some time very grave, but that on Monday morning the symptoms were reassuring.

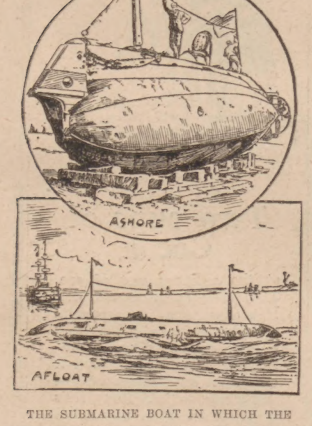
The Grand Duke Vladimir.—In Court and diplomatic circles it appears to be taken for granted that, in the event of a Regency being decided upon on account of the indisposition of the Czar of Russia, it would be formed under the executive of the Grand Duke Vladimir Alexandrovitch, eldest brother of the Czar Alexander III., and uncle of the present Emperor. Under ordinary circumstances and customs, the Czarevitch Michael Alexandrovitch being considered too young and inexperienced to take the reins of government, the Regency would devolve upon the Grand Duke Michael Nicolaievitch, only surviving son of Nicholas I., brother of Alexander II., and now President of the Imperial Council. But that arrangement would probably be set aside. It is stated that negotiations are in progress for a marriage between Prince Victor Napoleon and the Grand Duchess Helen, daughter of the Grand Duke Vladimir. If Nicholas II. and his brother, the present Czarevitch, die without leaving a son, the Grand Duke Vladimir would succeed to the throne of Russia.

THE GRAND DUKE VLADIMIR.

Lord Salisbury's Son and Heir. Viscount Cranborne, just home from the War in South Africa, came to town from Hatfield last Monday, and commenced his new duties as Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs to the Marquis of Lansdowne.

Joe's Return.—The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain (who travelled very quickly from Rome to London, after his visit to Gib. and Malta) was in attendance at the Colonial Office last Monday, and the Earl of Selborne, now First Lord of the Admiralty, who had not seen his late chief since the reconstruction of the Ministry, called, and had a conference with the Secretary of State for the Colonies. Mr. Austen Chamberlain, the new Financial Secretary to the Treasury, was at the Department in Whitehall for the first time since his appointment as Mr. Hanbury's successor there.

Mr. Holland's Trip Across the Atlantic. Many people are not a little concerned at the apathy of our Admiralty with regard to submarines. In view of the fact that in the French Naval Estimates for the coming year money is provided for the construction of a small fleet of submarines, and that the United States Government some time ago purchased the submarine torpedo-boat *Holland*, it is high time our Admiralty began to move in the matter. Mr. Holland is convinced that the boat of which he is the inventor can be used as an offensive weapon



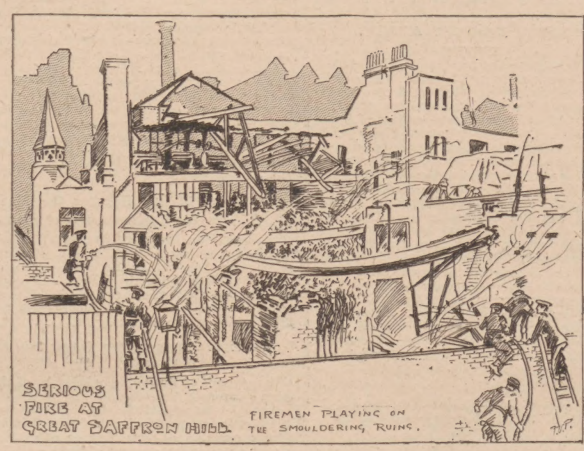
THE SUBMARINE BOAT IN WHICH THE INVENTOR HOPES TO CROSS THE ATLANTIC.

against a country thousands of miles away, and cross the ocean under the most unfavourable conditions. With the object of proving that the Holland submarine is capable of sustaining herself far away from a base of operations, he is about to undertake a trip across the Atlantic in a new boat which he is building for the purpose. The *Bushnell*, as the craft will be named, is the seventh submarine constructed by Mr. Holland, and will have accommodation—somewhat limited, but still sufficient—for eight men, including the inventor. The voyage from America to Portugal via Bermuda and Fayal is to be entered upon in February, as Mr. Holland desires to encounter the worst possible weather in order thoroughly to test the seaworthiness of his boat. A steamer of the old-fashioned type will accompany the *Bushnell* on her adventurous trip—that is, if she can keep in touch with her, which will not be easy if bad weather is met with and the diver seeks repose under water. The possibility of becoming separated from the convoy might be considered to render the experiment a perilous one, but Mr. Holland thinks the little craft he is to command is quite capable of looking after herself, and will perform the journey in safety. Should he succeed in reaching Europe, we may expect something in the nature of a revolution in naval shipbuilding

Brilliant "John Oliver Hobbes" (Mrs. Craigie) Scored a Success with Her New Comedy, "The Wisdom of the Wise," at the St. James's Theatre. It is a comedy of conversation, and provides Mr. George Alexander and Miss Fay Davis as the Duke and Duchess with parts of a loving couple who are speedily reconciled after a slight misunderstanding brought about by a tittle-tattling scandal-monger. The Duchess of St. Asaph, innocent of the world, is put up to some schoolgirlish ideas of coyness by an epigrammatic band of would-be cynical women very much of the world, and behaves most foolishly to the husband she loves, but he does not pay attention to it. The kind friends insist upon her following him to a midnight interview with a lady in a hotel, convincing her of his perfidy, but, when the *dénouement* comes, it appears that the lady is very well chaperoned, that he is acting on behalf of the lover whom she has misunderstood (Mr. H. B. Irving). The play is most expensively put on. One thing about the piece which is absolutely dainty and charming is the love-making of Mr. Alexander and Miss Fay Davis. Mr. Irving, Miss Julie Opp and Miss Halsfan, and Mr. Vincent also played capitally; and the ladies' dresses were extremely beautiful.

"JOHN OLIVER HOBBES" (MRS. CRAIGIE), Whose new play, "The Wisdom of the Wise," has just been produced at the St. James's.

Great City Blaze.—A fire broke out early last Saturday morning on the premises of Colley's Patents, Limited, printers, and Messrs. Cooke and Co., printers, 147 to 150, Great Saffron Hill, E.C. The establishment was locked up as usual on Friday night, when everything was apparently all right. About half-past one o'clock on



Saturday morning, however, a fire was discovered to have broken out in a warehouse on the ground-floor. An alarm was at once raised, and the fire brigade quickly summoned to the spot; but, despite the most strenuous efforts, the fire had obtained such a firm hold that the building was practically destroyed. The adjoining premises were at one time in great danger, and were only saved after prolonged effort on the part of the fire brigade. The Roman Catholic Schools, next to Colley's, did not escape damage, part of the first floor being burned; whilst a building in course of construction at 151, Great Saffron Hill, was considerably damaged by water. Viaduct Buildings, let out in tenements, and from which the affrighted occupants escaped in the utmost alarm as the fire progressed, seemed likely to be involved in the same fate as Colley's. The front was much damaged, but, fortunately, the flames were prevented from spreading to the interior. The brigade did splendid work under Commander Wells, Mr. Gamble, and Mr. Lester, a force of eleven steamers and ten hydrants being employed.

The Smithfield Club Show will be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall on Dec. 10 to 14. The entries for the forthcoming show number 574, and comprise 259 head of cattle, 153 pens of sheep, and 114 pens of pigs.

A Memorial to Major-General Wauchope and the non-commissioned officers and men of the 2nd Black Watch who fell at Magersfontein was unveiled last Monday afternoon in the Presbyterian church of York. The regiment was stationed in that city for eighteen months, and left in 1898. While there they regularly worshipped in the building which now contains their monument. The memorial consists of a tablet of Carrara marble, with an inscription.

THE DUKE AND DUCHESS OF MANCHESTER, WHOSE MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE AT MARYLEBONE CHURCH ON NOVEMBER 14.

Sir Arthur Sullivan, one of Britain's favourite composers, died on Thursday, Nov. 22, at his London residence, 1, Queen's Mansions, at the age of fifty-eight. The end was as unexpected by his medical attendant as it was by his nearest relative, his nephew, Mr. Herbert Sullivan, who was present when the distinguished composer passed peacefully away. Sir Arthur Sullivan's career was most unique. In his boyhood he, like so many of our front-rank musicians, was a chorister in St. James's Chapel Royal, and the experiences he then gained proved invaluable. His first real success as a composer, in collaboration with Mr. W. S. Gilbert, came about through an almost casual suggestion by Mr. D'Oyly Carte, then managing at the Royalty. The theatre was not doing well, and Mr. Carte, meeting the pair together, asked if they could not write something to give it a lift. Mr. Gilbert had conceived the notion of an operetta with a court of law as the scene. The book of "Trial by Jury" was finished in a few days, in a fortnight the operetta was ready, and in a week or two the Royalty was too small to hold the audiences that wanted to see it. Sir Arthur's operas at the Savoy Theatre became a national institution, his popular "Patience" being in the bill at the time of his death. The exceptional circumstances under which "The Absent-Minded Beggar" melody was written doubtless accounted for its remarkable sale. But Sir Arthur Sullivan's setting of Mr. Rudyard Kipling will be forgotten long before "The Lost Chord" ceases to be popular. Shortly after Sir Arthur was appointed Principal of the National School of Music (now the Royal College of Music) in 1876, he was called to his brother's bedside, and watched him for nearly a month. One evening he picked up a volume of verses by Adelaide Procter, and the poem, "The Lost Chord," so impressed him that he commenced writing the music that same night, and finished it as dawn was breaking.

The Hovis Bread Company has just held a competition among its numerous agents in South-East England to ascertain who were the most capable makers of their wholesome bread, and to award money prizes and diplomas of proficiency to the competents. The bakers responded well. Nearly six hundred fresh, tasty, and for the most part, beautifully baked Hovis loaves were sent in. These were judged by the editors of two of the baking trade journals, and as the loaves for the purpose of testing were cut cleanly through, nearly half a ton of really excellent bread was left on hand undamaged. Hence, Nazareth House, Dr. Barnardo's, and the Ragged Schools, and other similar institutions had a red-letter Hovis day.

Lieutenant-Colonel Crole Wyndham is to command the British composite force on their visit to Australia to inaugurate the great Commonwealth. Though all his regimental career has been passed in the "Empress of India's" Lancers (once known as the 21st Hussars, and nicknamed "The Dumpies"), he fought with the 1st (King's) Dragoon Guards in the Zulu War of 1879, and subsequently with Baker Russell's Flying Column. In the Nile Expedition of 1884-85 he was with the Light Camelry detachment of the 21st, and took part in the operations of the Desert Column. In Lord Kitchener's campaign, which ended in the battle of Khartoum, he took part as second in command of the 21st, getting a mention, the C.B., and the British and Khedive's medals. Now he has gone, in command of the composite force, to Australia, the Lancer contingent being supplied by his own "French-grey" regiment.

LIEUT.-COLONEL CROLE WYNDHAM.

Rising in East Africa: British Commissioner Murdered.—We regret to hear that news has been received at the Foreign Office of the murder of Mr. A. C. W. Jenner, a Sub-Commissioner in British East Africa. Mr. Jenner was on an official visit to the interior, and on or about the 13th inst. a night attack was made upon his camp by Ogaden Somalis, who had professed to be friendly. In resisting this attack Mr. Jenner lost his life.

Colonel T. P. B. Ternan, C.M.G., D.S.O., who is reported to be on the way to Kismayu in connection with the Somali Rising, announced from Zanzibar, has been Deputy-Commissioner and Consul in the British East Africa Protectorate since last June. He is a Major in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, and has been employed with the Egyptian Army and in the Uganda Protectorate, and has had active service in Afghanistan, Egypt, Unyoro, Uganda, and in the present South African War.

J. M. Draper, the celebrated organette manufacturer, of Higher Audley Street, Blackburn, has sent us his catalogue of every conceivable item suitable for the coming season of gifts. Mr. Draper's motto, "A customer well pleased is the best advertisement," is a very true one, and is amply proved by the numerous testimonials with which he is constantly being favoured. Everyone should write for a copy of this well-illustrated catalogue.

Postal Rules at Sheffield.—There is a lull (says the *Daily Telegraph*) in the dispute between Messrs. Graves and the Sheffield Post Office. On Saturday, in the interests of the public, the Lord Mayor intervened. On Monday the Post Office surveyor of the north-eastern district came from York to Sheffield. Accompanied by Mr. Noble (Sheffield postmaster) he had a consultation with Messrs. Graves, at which the postal arrangements of the firm were thoroughly discussed. The special point at issue, the collection of registered parcels at a fee of 4d., remains in abeyance pending consideration of the surveyor's report, upon which the decision of the authorities will be based.

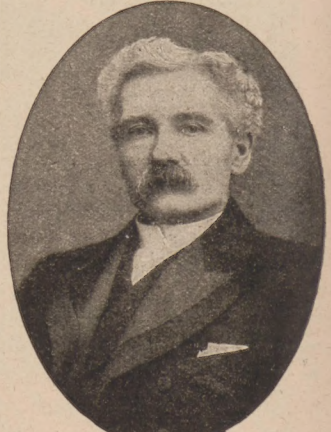
Great Britain's Naval Command in China. In Naval circles it is said that Admiral Lord Walter Kerr, at present First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, will succeed Vice-Admiral Sir E. H. Seymour in command of the China Station. Colour is lent to this rumour by the fact that Lord Walter Kerr has visited Portsmouth for the purpose of inspecting the *Glory*, which left for China on Saturday. The gravity of the situation and the fact that Russia and Germany have officers of superior rank to command their forces, would, it is thought, justify the British Admiralty making such an appointment in place of the selection of Vice-Admiral Sir Harry Rawson. Lord

THE NAVAL COMMAND IN CHINA.

Walter Kerr was born in Scotland in 1839, being the fourth son of the seventh Marquis of Lothian, and Cecil, a daughter of the second Earl Talbot. He married Amabel, daughter of the sixth Earl Cowper. Educated at Radley College, he entered the Navy in 1853. He first saw service in the Baltic in 1854, was with the Naval Brigade at the relief and battle of Lucknow, and is the possessor of the Royal Humane Society's medal for saving life. Lord Walter became a Captain in 1872, Rear-Admiral in 1889, Vice-Admiral in 1895, from 1885 to 1890 was Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, and was second in command of the Mediterranean Fleet from 1890 to 1892. In the latter year he acted as Junior Lord of the Admiralty, in 1894 becoming Second Lord. From 1895 to 1897 he commanded the Channel Squadron, and was appointed First Sea Lord last year.

The First-Class Battle-Ship "Glory," which has been commissioned by Captain Ingleficld to relieve the flag-ship *Centurion* on the China Station, is a new ship of the *Canopus* class, displacing 12,950 tons. She was built by Messrs. Laird, of Birkenhead. Her length is 390 ft., beam 74 ft., and mean draft 26 ft. She carries four 12-in. wire guns in pairs in barbettes fore and aft, twelve 6-in., ten 12-pounder, and eighteen smaller guns, all quick-firing, and is fitted with four submerged torpedo-tubes. The *Glory* has a Harveyed steel belt six inches thick up to the main-deck, and the barbettes carry 12-in. plates. The casemate protection is 6 inches thick, and there is an armoured deck with a maximum thickness of 3 inches extending from stem to stern. She has an installation of twenty Belleville boilers. There are two sets of triple expansion engines, developing 13,500-horse power with natural draught. This should propel the vessel at 18½ knots, which is deemed a satisfactory speed.

Mr. John Lawson Johnston, the Inventor of Bovril, and chairman of the company bearing that name, died last Saturday morning on board his steam-yacht, *White Ladye* (formerly belonging to Mrs. Langtry), in Cannes Harbour. In August last Mr. Lawson Johnston (who became a millionaire through the formation of the Bovril Company) went to reside with his family at Inveraray Castle, of which he had obtained a lease for one year from the present Duke of Argyll. He had, however, been in failing health for some time, and recently went to the Mediterranean. The immediate cause of death was syncope, and when the end came his wife and most of his children were with him. The *White Ladye*, with the remains on board, left Cannes on Monday for Portsmouth. The funeral will take place about Dec. 4.



THE LATE MR. LAWSON JOHNSTON, OF BOVRIL FAME.

THE YARMOUTH MYSTERY.

BEFORE the Mayor of Yarmouth, Mr. C. S. Orde and a full bench of magistrates, the inquiry was resumed on Friday, Nov. 23, into the charge preferred against Herbert John Bennett of strangling his wife, on Yarmouth Beach, on the night of Sept. 22. Ten o'clock was the hour fixed for resumption of the inquiry, and by that time the space reserved for the public

THE PRISONER, HERBERT JOHN BENNETT.

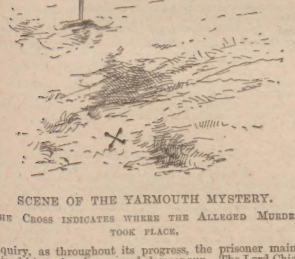
was packed, but the room being spacious and well-arranged, there was no confusion. No sooner had the magistrates taken their places on the Bench than Bennett was placed in the dock, looking not merely well but bright and cheerful. Mr. C. J. Wiltshire conducted the prosecution on behalf of the Crown, and Mr. Elvey Robb, solicitor, Tunbridge Wells, again appeared for the defence. The interest of some of the evidence given had been discounted by the proceedings before the coroner, yet there were dramatic moments when the crowded court was strung up to an excitement almost painful in its restrained intensity.

Such a Moment was that when the keeper of the bar, which it is said Bennett and his wife visited on the fatal Saturday night, described the vest worn by the accused man as square-cut; and the prisoner, throwing open his outer garments, showed that the vest, if a little peculiar, owing to the depth of the collar, was certainly not square-cut, a fact to which Bennett drew immediate attention. Then there was the calling of the prisoner's grandfather to show that he did not "pass away" on Sept. 23, which was the excuse of the accused for not meeting his sweetheart; the statement of the two lovers who were on the beach, near the spot, but whose evidence lacked the all-important element of identification; and the declaration of the two employés of the Woolwich Co-operative Store, where Bennett was himself employed at one time, who stated that they were not with him at Woolwich, as he said, on the night of the murder. Only one or two of those who gave testimony were cross-examined, and no question was put which indicated any particular line of defence.

The Witnesses called on Saturday were not examined at the inquest, and their evidence, if its bearing on the crime of which Bennett is accused was indirect, was, nevertheless, interesting and significant.

Miss Meadows made one more appearance in the witness-box, on this occasion to prove that two letters were in the handwriting of Bennett. One of these, signed "W. A. Phillips," recommended Mrs. Bennett as "a suitable and responsible tenant," and, being accepted as genuine, induced a firm of Bexley Heath house agents to let to the deceased woman a flat in Woolwich Road, and subsequently the Glencoe Villa house. Then evidence was given that during the week following the murder Bennett, who said he had to leave for America, and that Mrs. Bennett was away on account of her health, gave up the tenancy of Glencoe Villa, and paid the rent up till Christmas.

Finally, Inspector Leach, of Scotland Yard, gave his account, corroborative of the evidence previously given by Chief-Constable Parker, of the arrest of the accused and of the statements which, after being cautioned, he voluntarily made. No opposition to the committal was made on behalf of Bennett, who, speaking clearly and promptly, intimated that he reserved his defence, and called no witnesses. At the close of the



SCENE OF THE YARMOUTH MYSTERY.

THE CROSS INDICATES WHERE THE ALLEGED MURDER TOOK PLACE.

inquiry, as throughout its progress, the prisoner maintained his cool and composed demeanour. The Lord Chief Justice will preside at the trial, which is to take place at the Norwich Assizes.

THE PENNY LAWYER.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

C. H. D.—(1) You would be liable to prosecution, and on conviction, to imprisonment. (2) Apply to the *London Gazette* Office, St. Martin's Lane.

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LESLIE.—If the property is in Kent the custom of gavelkind would apply. If elsewhere in England, freehold to eldest brother; personalty equally between the four brothers. LEX.

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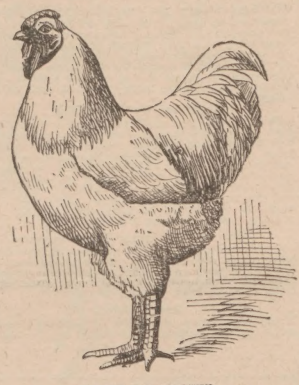
BY A FRESH HAND.

The Wyandotte.

THE Wyandotte has a character of its own, and does not in any way resemble any of the other breeds, even if it is to be seen that several varieties have been brought into combination to produce it. The shape partakes more of the Brahma than anything else, though the neck is longer than is found on that breed. There are the clean yellow legs to which the Americans are so partial, and, of course, the yellow skin. The comb is rose like the Hamburgh, but is smaller than in that breed. The plumage is slate in its ground-colour with black markings, which are of the kind known as lacing—that is, each feather is laced, or edged, with black,

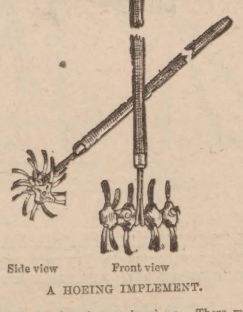


WHITE WYANDOTTE.

and when seen separately, forms an oval ring of black around the slate-ground colour. This is the same as is found on the Sebright bantam, the plumage-markings of which are the ideal for the Wyandotte. This combination is found on no other fowl, and is very pretty in appearance. There is plenty of room for improvement, and the skill of breeders will be exercised to bring the variety to perfection. The hens are good layers of tinted eggs, capital forsgers, careful sitters, and reliable mothers, being tractable, and make large, well-flavoured table fowls. For general purposes the Wyandotte is an admirable breed. The white variety is gradually gaining popularity.

Pruners and Cultivators.

A price-list of pruners and cultivators sent me by a Midland firm contains particulars of many very useful contrivances, and I shall be pleased to send the name and



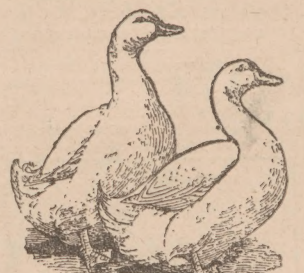
Side view Front view

A HOEING IMPLEMENT.

address of the firm to any inquirers. There must be millions of standard fruit-trees in the country left unpruned, as much because of the difficulty experienced in getting at the topmost branches as anything, and yet which would, if properly thinned out, yield good and profitable crops. Thanks to the company referred to, this can easily be done by the medium of the tree-pruner, an excellent and reliable working implement, which will enable any pruner to regulate the head-growth of standard trees in any way he pleases. Those fruit-growers, then, whose trees need cutting back and thinning out would do well to obtain one or more of these pruners, and have their trees overhauled at once. Among the other contrivances is a hoeing implement, which is pushed along easily by hand, and enables the grower to keep the surface-soil between his crops open and fine. This is a really valuable tool, and for strawberry-growers and all who know the great advantage of surface-stirring it will be found the best, most efficient and useful cultivator that has ever been put upon the market. For stirring in commercial fertilisers that have been fed to the surface it is first-rate and, all round, the implements that the company make for the use of fruit-growers have only to be seen to be bought.

Peking Ducks.

At the National Poultry Show last week there was one of the grandest sections of ducks it has yet been my good fortune to see. Every variety was represented, but the utilitarian species naturally claimed most attention. Among these was the Peking, which, recognised as one of the best layers in the country, has attained wonderful popularity since its introduction into Europe less than twenty years ago. It will thrive, and is an excellent forager. It is of Chinese origin, and has been very largely used by breeders anxious to infuse stamina into some of the other varieties. To all appearances, it is one of our largest ducks, but in size it is most deceptive, the abundance of feathers making it appear much larger than it really is. As a matter of fact, it is much smaller than the Aylesbury or the Rouen. It does not compare at all favourably with either of the varieties named as regards flavour of flesh, the Peking being rather dry. In shape it differs from other varieties of duck, being totally devoid of keel, and in carriage it is almost upright, not at all unlike the penguin, for the legs are placed far back on the body. The head is short and thick, and the bill strong and stout. Considerable discussion has arisen as to the colour of the Peking, but it is usually accepted that it should be of a light canary-yellow tinge, as if the under coat were yellow and the upper white. A pure white Peking may be found, but the canary-yellow is to be preferred. The bill is of a deep orange, the eye black, the legs and feet a bright orange,



PEKING DUCKS.

and small in bone. The tail-feathers are larger and stronger than are found on other varieties. For crossing, with the Rouen especially, the Peking is invaluable, and as a layer the variety has no equal.

To Choose a Goose.

When a goose is young the bill is yellow, which turns red when the bird grows old. When fresh killed, the feet are supple, and when stale they become stiff and dry. Geese should be large and fat, and the white and grey are much to be preferred to those of a dark colour.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Pony-Keeping.

My Notts correspondent should certainly follow the advice of the blacksmith, who surely ought to know how to shoe a pony. As regards feeding and training for trotting, the best corn should be used as food, and regular exercise given: the latter must not, however, be overdone. Ask the advice of some of your neighbours who have similar ponies.

Grit-Crusher.

The grit-crusher inquired about by "F. W. B." can be obtained of Spratt's, Limited, Bermondsey, or through any of their agents.

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After the War.

A SAD EXCEPTION.

["John Naylor, a Reservist, recently returned from South Africa, is now in Bethnal Green Workhouse Infirmary, suffering from paralysis."]

"TO battle, soldiers all!"
And lo! from East to West,
Rose England's sons at England's call,
And he was with the best,
Ready to dare and do
Though all the world said "Nay";
And the trumpets blew and the flag it flew,
And the heroes marched away.

Never a thought of self,
Though life and home were dear;
Never a hope of place or pelf,
Duty alone to cheer,
Where the hidden foe was strong,
Where the fever spread its snare,
Where the guns' red breath was dread and death
And he was with them there.

Over the rolling veldt
On many a march of dread,
Thirst, hunger, horror, and anguish felt,
Battle and death ahead.
Never a thought of self:
What of its loss or gain?
'Twas England's will, and the word was still,
"Victory! On again!"

Ay, victory o'er all foes,
And we welcome home the brave;
And the crowd it grows and the flag it blows,
The flag they fought to save.
Speeches and songs and shouts,
And the war-worn took their share
Of an Empire's pride in her battle tried,
And he was with them there.

O'er the kopje's conquered heights,
He had heard the shouts that rose
When the only end of Britain's fights
Came—triumph o'er her foes.
Yet, from the glories won, and the glories still in store,
He passed 'ere the cheers had died away,
Passed, with the hero's deathless bay—
Into the Workhouse door.

Happy the men that fell
On the sun-scorched Afric' sward,
If they that come from the "mouth of hell"
Find, in the land they love so well,
This for their sole reward!
Far from the greeting roar,
And our triumph's blaze and blare,
Never a hope save death in store,
Crippled and poor at the Workhouse door—
Will Britain leave him there?

KATE BISHOP ("Kay Bee").

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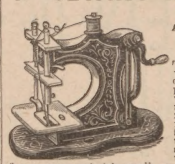

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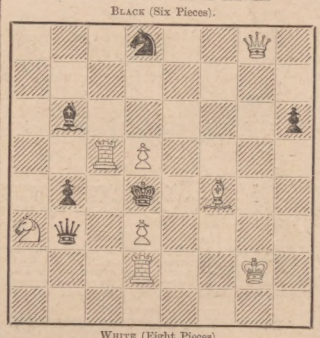
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 349.

1. B to Kt 8th	B to B 5th	2. Q to B 4th	Mate
1. ,,	Q to Q 5th	2. Q to K 6th	,,
1. ,,	B to B 3rd	2. Q to Q 5th	,, etc.

PROBLEM No. 350.—By M. HAVEL.

BLACK (Six Pieces).



WHITE (Eight Pieces).

White to play, and mate in two moves.

QUEEN'S SIDE OPENING.

What is a Queen's side opening? It is an opening in which the first player seeks to advance on the Queen's wing; but in the game given below the first player singularly fails in this object, whereas the second player succeeds. Our notes, we hope, will make the cause of the failure clear.

Game played in the City of London Championship Tournament.

WHITE (H. G. Scantlebury).	BLACK (Dr. S. F. Smith).
1. P to Q 4th	P to Q 4th
2. Kt to K B 3rd	P to K 3rd
3. P to Q B 4th	K Kt to B 3r3
4. B to K Kt 5th	B to K 2nd
5. Kt to B 3rd	Q Kt to Q 2nd
6. P to K 3rd	Castles
7. B to Q 3rd	P to K R 3rd
8. B to R 4th	

We do not hold with B to K Kt 5th. It is not a happy function for a Bishop to be compelled either to exchange early in the opening against a Knight, or lose time by retiring. B to B 4th is preferable to B to R 4th.

8.	P to Q Kt 3rd
9. P takes P	Kt takes P
10. Kt takes Kt	

The whole point of this game is that Black gets his Queen's Bishop shut in, and is therefore under a disadvantage; but now White deliberately changes pieces, the effect of which is that Black's Queen's Bishop becomes free. This is not good policy. The Queen's Bishop is the cause of White's indecision. B to Kt 3rd was preferable, but if the Queen's Bishop had not been moved at all, White would be much better off, and could have played P to K 4th.

10.	P takes Kt
11. B takes B	Q takes B
12. Castles	P to Q B 4th
13. R to B 1st	

As a matter of fact, White's loss of time with his Queen's Bishop has enabled Black to assume the initiative, and he has now a position which only the first player in this game ought to have. The primary object of this opening is, of course, an advance on the Queen's side, but, strange to say, most players—to get the simple truism, White—by allowing Black to play P to B 5th, concede everything. P takes P was, of course, the right move.

13.	P to R 5th
14. B to Kt 1st	Kt to B 3rd
15. Kt to K 5th	P to Q Kt 4th
16. R to K 1st	R to Kt 2nd
17. Q to R 2nd	K B to Q 1st
18. Kt to Kt 4th	P to Kt 3rd
19. Kt to K 5th	

If 19. Kt takes P (ch), K to Kt 2nd, winning a piece.

19.	P to Q R 4th
20. P to Q R 3rd	

Meeting trouble half-way.

20.	P to Kt 5th
21. P takes P	P takes P
22. Q to K 2nd	Kt to Q 2nd
23. P to B 4th	R to Kt 2nd
24. Q to Kt 4th	K takes Kt
25. Q P takes Kt	

B P takes Kt was obviously better, both for defence against Black's centre Pawns and for offence, by opening the K B file for the King's Rook.

25.	B to B 1st
26. Q to Kt 3rd	R to R 1st
27. R to R 1st	B to K 3rd
28. P to K 4th	P takes P
29. B takes P	R to R 7th

This move is the natural outcome of the preponderating advantage of forces White allowed Black to accumulate on the Queen's wing. The remainder of the game is now merely a matter of detail, properly and well carried out by Black. The ending is interesting.

30. Q to B 2nd	P to B 6th
31. R to B 2nd	B to Kt 6th
32. Q R to R 2nd	B to Q 8th
33. B to Kt 1st	P to Kt 6th
34. P takes P	R takes R
35. R takes R	B takes R
36. Q takes B	Q to Q 2nd

White resigns.

DRAUGHTS.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM No. 311.—By A. COLLINGS.

Black: 4, 13, 17, 20, 21, 26K.
White: 7, 28, 32, 7K.

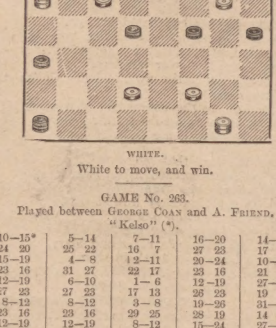
White to move, and win.

28 24	11 8	26 30	7 3	10 15
20–27	4–11	17–21	25–29	29–25
32 23	7 30	30 26	3 7	15 18
26–19	13–17	25–29	29–25	25–29
15 11	30 26	10 7	7 10	18 22
17–26	21–25	16 20–23	25–29	W. wins.

PROBLEM No. 312.

By J. STRATTON (Catford).

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to move, and win.

GAME No. 263.

Played between GEORGE COAN and A. FRIEND.

"Kelso" (*).

10—15*	5—14	7—11	16—20	14—18
24 20	25 22	16 7	27 23	17 14
15—19	4— 8	12—11	20—24	10—17
23 16	31 27	22 17	23 16	21 14
12—19	6—10	1— 6	12—19	27—31
27 23	27 23	17 13	26 23	19 15
8—12	8—12	3— 8	19—26	31—27
23 16	23 16	29 25	28 19	14 9
12—19	12—19	8—12	15—24	27—24
22 18	32 27	25 22	30 23	9 2
9—14	11—15	11—16	24—27	
18 9	20 16	22 17	23 19	W. wins.

A. Friend played black.

THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

BICYCLES AND THEIR ACCESSORIES.

THAT the demand for cycles has fallen off during the past two or three years is, perhaps, better known to the manufacturers than any other section of the community. Trade may be said to be "as it was before it was," and consequently the capital and plant called up to meet the demand no longer existent have become a sort of incubus. It is in these circumstances surprising to find both

Stanley and National Shows

still being run on the same days. The former is the older, and it would appear that it has, probably on this account, a larger share of the affection of the disciples of cycling and its adjuncts. The number of machines on show at

The Agricultural Hall and the Crystal Palace

is smaller than usual, yet it would be idle to deny that at both places there are plenty of things to attract the visitor. Competition is so keen that the expenses incurred in arranging for an exhibit have to be submitted to. Consequently we find that most of the well-known makers are represented, though not making so grand a display as in previous years. At the Stanley, which is again held at Islington,

Sir Albert K. Rollit, M.P.,

with whom was his graceful wife, the Duchess of Sutherland, performed the opening ceremony, and remarked that the "financial cloud which had hung over the cycle trade began to show more of the silver lining, and he was of opinion that the latest cycle had attained very nearly mechanical perfection. The free-wheel problem had been solved, but now the question was how to get more rigidity and give more comfort to the rider. As a pastime or recreation, a source of travelling and knowledge and industry, cycling was never in a better condition."

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and reduce vibration are the problems of present-day agitation, and since the type of cycle known for some years remains practically unaltered, the efforts made in the directions above alluded to will command the greatest amount of a tention from visitors. There is

One Exhibit

which is sure to draw, and it is that of machines from the earliest periods, commencing, of course, with the hobby-horse. It forms an illustrative history of cycling, and should not be missed.

At the Crystal Palace

a large amount of space is devoted to motor bicycles, tricycles, and quadricycles, while motor vehicles of every description are well represented. Indeed, the whole of the north nave is given up to this class of conveyance and its accessories. One looks in vain for novelties among the bicycles as complete machines, but sectionally one finds here and there something to examine and ponder over, particularly with regard to free wheels, rim brakes, self-inflating tyres, self-sealing air-chambers, anti-vibratory mechanisms, etc. Major-General Baden-Powell's patent tripartite folding machine is on show, and the Premier Company's exhibit claims attention, as therein may be seen the pattern of cycle which is being supplied to the new South African police force.

The meeting of

Blackheath and Richmond

on the ground of the latter drew to the enclosure more people than any other match of the present season, and, except that accidents were numerous, it was a very pleasant one to watch. On the whole Blackheath were rather the better team, and they perhaps had the larger share of the lucky things that will happen in all ball-games. For instance, one of their players in the first half essayed a drop at goal. The effort deserved nothing, but indirectly it was productive of a try, the ball going over to A. Latter, who nipped over the Richmond goal-line in smart fashion. A half-time Blackheath had two tries to their credit, and Richmond one. Shortly afterwards the latter made matters level, but then they lost the assistance of one of their forwards, Fraser. Blackheath, being thus favoured, were able to gain two more tries, and so win by 12 points to 6. One notable feature of the game was the improvement shown by Blackheath at half-back, but all round the play was of excellent character.

Cambridge University v. London Scottish

was played at Cambridge, and one expected the Light Blues to show to the better advantage. This, to some extent, they did, especially in the second half, when the game was of more open character than it had been, but their efforts went unrewarded, and as the Scottish also failed to score, the result was a draw. This tends to prove the truth of what has recently been asserted—that the Light Blues, unfortunate in that several of their best men have been incapacitated, have fallen off. What recent events tend to show is that the inter-University match will be one of tough character in anything like favourable circumstances.

St. Thomas's Hospital

showed capital form against Old Leysians, and won by 8 points to 6, though it might have been a nearer thing, or even different in result, had the Old Boys been able to play their strongest side. Newport had no difficulty in beating a weakened team of Cardiff on Saturday. The latter visit Blackheath next Saturday (Dec. 1), and, it is to be hoped, with some of their men who have sustained accidents back in the team. Old Merchant Taylors beat Guy's Hospital after a capital match, and London Welsh beat Harlequins. In the Rugby Union County Championship, Lancashire on Saturday defeated Cumberland, and Gloucestershire gained an easy victory over Somerset.

The Leagues.

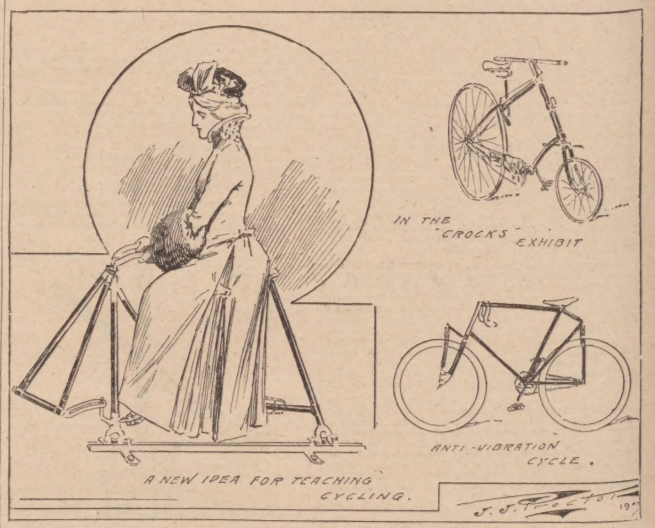
All the clubs were engaged in the First Division on Saturday, and in only one instance did the visiting team prove successful. Derby County beat Stoke at Stoke, Notts Forest and Notts County drew together 15,000 persons, and the former gave ample evidence of their superiority, and also their right to present position at the top of the list. Newcastle United and Liverpool failed to bring about a definite result, and this was the situation of affairs also at the end of the match between Aston Villa and Sheffield United. Bury, as expected, beat Preston North End; and Manchester City had the better of the scoring in a fine struggle against Wolverhampton Wanderers; Everton and Sheffield Wednesday drew; and Sunderland, somewhat unluckily, lost to West Bromwich Albion. A feature of the Second Division was the further success of Woolwich Arsenal, who, by their victory over Middlesbrough, now occupy fourth position, those in front of them being Grimsby Town, Burnley and Small Heath.

Southern League.

Southampton and Bristol City met on the ground of the former, and once more the Saints asserted their superiority, and by doing so have really the best position in the competition, as they are but one point behind and have played two matches less. Bristol Rovers are third; on Saturday they beat West Ham United. Portsmouth suffered defeat at the hands of New Brompton; Millwall beat Swindon; and Reading, on their own ground, defeated Tottenham Hotspur after a firstly contested game.

A Better Show by Cambridge University.

On Monday the Light Blue fifteen improved upon the display they gave on Saturday, and succeeded in beating the West of Scotland team by fifteen points to three, notwithstanding that in the second half they lost the services of J. Daniell, one of the forwards. This result will help to bring them back into favour so far as regards their chance in the coming all-important encounter, more especially as Oxford, though well represented, went down before the Bristol fifteen by 5 points to none. One fault was very noticeable in this match: the Dark Blues, or some of them,



SKETCHES AT THE STANLEY CYCLE SHOW AT THE AGRICULTURAL HALL.

Cross-Country.

Both University teams were successful on Saturday. Cambridge entertained the Blackheath Harriers over the Shotover course, and, singularly enough, beat them by exactly the same number of points as they did last year—16 against 39. The University men occupied five of the first six places, Blackheath's first man, E. F. Judson, being fifth. Perhaps the most notable feature of the race was the defeat of C. E. Pumphrey (Christ's) by W. B. Grandage (Clare), while the latter's time was 41 min. 34 sec., or 47 sec. slower than that accomplished by Pumphrey last year. E. Gibbon (Trinity) was third, and A. Botterill (Pembroke) fourth, the sixth place being filled by G. M. Butt (Trinity). At

Oxford

the South London Harriers supplied the first man home (A. Shrubb, 43 min. 55 sec.), yet were they the losers, though several of their best men were absent. A. E. Dawson (Worcester), R. R. Sharp (Christ Church), were second and third respectively. Then came J. H. Bessell (S.L.H.), followed by G. R. Fothergill (University College), with H. P. Jones (S.L.H.) sixth. Shrubb's success came not as a surprise. A good performance had been expected of him, and 43 min. 55 sec. was highly creditable, considering the nature of the going, and the fact that Shrubb went rather out of his course. Still, it was short of the record (43 min. 26 sec., by H. G. Lloyd, Thames H. and R. recently), that some had hoped he would beat; Dawson, who finished second, had not previously this season appeared for Oxford. In the

Thames Valley Harriers'

five-mile invitation open handicap, S. Thornback, of the promising club, 3 min. 45 sec. start, finished first, second man being F. J. Steadman, Epsom H., and third A. B. Starck, Herne Hill H. The Surrey Walking Club nine-mile handicap was won by J. Butler, who was at scratch; H. P. Hutt, 20 min. start, being second, and E. Knott, 6 min., third.

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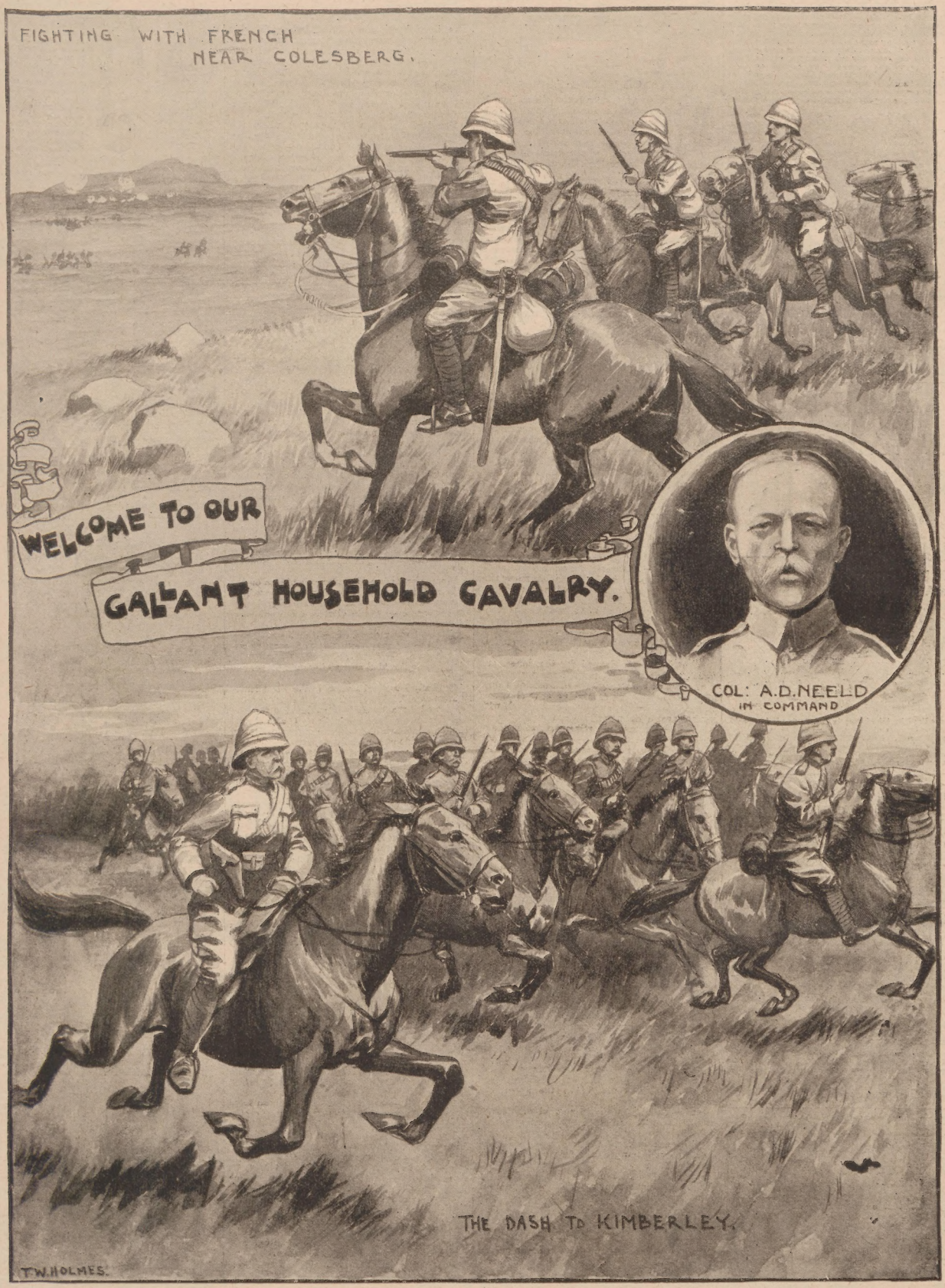

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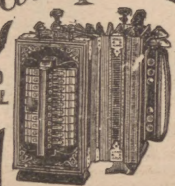

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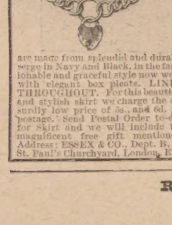

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The Grey Shadow.

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CHAPTER I.

MY strange experience began thus: I awoke with a start in the early summer light from a dream in which it appeared that I had wearily followed, over a barren plain of sand, a grey figure that moved before me, impelled, it seemed, by the desire to see the face concealed under the folds of the robe that entirely draped it.

I lay still, conscious of a hot feeling in my throat. Moreover, a strange dread was underlying my consciousness. I felt like a man expecting evil tidings; and raising myself in restless irritation on my elbow, suddenly I beheld in the furthest corner of the room the tall grey shadow which I had lately so vainly pursued in my dreams. I felt neither fear nor astonishment; only a vague dread the drapery might fall from the averted head, and the face be disclosed.

As I sprang from the bed and moved towards it, the form melted away. I rubbed my eyes and gazed again, but no—it was gone. Then I turned to the water-decanter to slake my causeless thirst. Now there was, at least at this period, no need of argument to persuade me that this was either an illusion of the brain or of the eye; or, more probably still, that the phenomenon owed its existence to some mysterious sympathy between both.

As the day wore on, in spite of my efforts and a substantial lunch, fear lest the grey shadow should reappear increased. I felt, in a manner indescribable, that it was lurking unseen near me. After dining generously at the club, before going home to dress for the dance, I went to the library. The reading-lamps were lighted, the room empty. I sat down and glanced at an evening paper that was lying on the table before me.

After a few moments I raised my eyes towards the bookshelves, and there, against the dark background, the grey shape reappeared, but this time it was surrounded by a luminous outline. I gazed fixedly, but the effort only made it clearer. When, however, I removed the shade from the lamp, first of all the luminous ring faded, and then imperceptibly the whole figure disappeared, but in such a manner that I could not be certain at what particular moment it ceased to be visible. If the thing appeared to me again I felt I should be compelled to speak—an indiscretion I was particularly anxious to avoid.

I hurried home, dressed for the dance, and determined to act as a normal guest, steadying my nerves with a strong dose of brandy—a form of refreshment I am careful never to abuse. I felt the benefit of it, and conducted myself with my habitual dignity until after supper.

I had been dancing, I remember, with one of the daughters of the house—a bright, lively girl who listened to my brilliant conversation with some wonder, for as a talker I avoid the obvious.

We were sitting in a large conservatory, where several other dancers had also come in search of a cooler atmosphere. The subject of our conversation I cannot remember, except that it had some reference to a fancy-dress ball, at which she told me an acquaintance of hers had appeared as "A Friar of Orders Grey."

Then all at once it seemed that her words had touched some malign influence, and I felt the spell which I had escaped descending on me again.

"A Friar of Orders Grey," I repeated. "Why, there! there! We shall see it directly."

Then all at once the music, the noise of the dancing, the voices of those around me, became muffled, unheeded, unreal, while all the powers of my consciousness were absorbed in an effort to realise the figure which the words had conjured up in my mind. I rose from my seat, pointing before me into the flowers and the exotics that made the air heavy with odours. A Chinese-lantern above threw a softened glow on the leaves below. As I gazed into the vacant space between the lamp and the flowers, slowly, imperceptibly, as mists gather on mountain-peaks, the Grey Shadow for the third time became visible, only more distinctly and more ominously than before.

I fancied I heard a voice exclaim: "What is the matter? Are you ill?" But I did not heed it, and remained staring at the apparition, rivetted to the spot.

Slowly the head hitherto averted was turned towards me, the folds of the drapery glided noiselessly from the face, and to my horror I beheld the features of the woman I loved, pale, distorted, and changed, as a face changes in an agony of fear.

I sprang forward to clutch the thing, but the figure faded before my eyes. Then there came a crash. I had overthrown a flower-pot, and was only saved from falling myself by the hand of my companion.

"What are you staring at? What is the matter?" she asked, in extreme dismay.

The crash of the crockery brought others around me, my hostess among them. The men, I could see by their faces, thought I had been drinking. I apologised, however, for the disturbance I had made, declaring the heat of the room had overcome me, and left the house as soon as I could, tormented with terrible anxieties. Until then my fears had been for myself. Now they were for Edith. This, strange as it may appear, was a relief!

Walking homewards under the fading stars, I decided that the next day I would see her and rescue her from the mysterious danger threatening her.

CHAPTER II.

The three hours' sleep I had before rising to catch my train were, for a wonder, untroubled, and my waking free from terror. In the train I remembered that Edith was the last person likely "to be in danger." Her health, I knew, was excellent, besides, she, at that time at least, was a marvel of common-sense. What could threaten her? "No, no," I said, "I am a fretful, nervous fool. All must be well."

The line ran through meadows, where the reapers were at work. I could smell the hay through the open windows of the carriage. The country, in all the deep richness of early summer, is no fit place to harbour such dread as mine!

I reached the little country station. Five minutes' walk and a turn in the road brought me to the pretty house in which Edith lived with her mother.

I opened the gate with nervous fingers, whilst my heart beat audibly as though "it" were behind me. What was I afraid of? There on the lawn in a summer dress Edith stood, talking to a young man in flannels—an ordinary, well-grown, commonplace young man, quite incapable of dreaming dreams or seeing visions!

And here I felt I was on the fringe of a meaning for the vision. Edith must be protected against this man, for whom she felt (unconsciously evidently) a spiritual repugnance. It was thus that I interpreted the warning.

Edith's mother shortly joined us on the lawn, and hoped that I would stay to lunch; while Edith, with the tact of an accomplished hostess, proceeded to divide her courtesies with perfect impartiality between Durnford and myself.

I recall that lunch with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret. Edith's mother was most hospitable. A bottle of champagne was opened for Durnford and myself, of which, it seemed to me, he consumed the greater part. Afterwards, as a jovial accompaniment to our coffee and cigarettes, there appeared a bottle of excellent old brandy such as the curious prize. This refreshment Durnford, whom the champagne had made friendly—for the words of such men depend on stimulating straws—pressed on me as a soul-stirring beverage fit for Popes and Princes.

When at last we went to join the ladies on the lawn, Durnford said rudely: "You have finished that bottle." But I heard him with a disdainful silence.

It was now arranged that we should go on the river, and although the excursion would have been pleasanter had Durnford been absent, still, now that his presence was inevitable, I determined to tolerate it.

The boat was moored off Edith's lawn.

"You row," said Durnford, "the exercise will do you good. I'll steer."

"Yes, do," said Edith, giving me another odd look.

Suddenly Durnford's voice broke the silence. "Take care," said he, "there is a boat coming up towed by a horse." I could hear the feet trotting along the tow-path. I also heard shouts, and Durnford's voice shouting, irritably, "Pull outside of her, can't you!"

But I only smiled and pulled a dreamful oar, till suddenly, the glamour seizing me again, on the bank against the willows I beheld the cursed Grey Shadow stealing along, this time waving its arms and followed by a little black dog.

"Aha!" I said. "Aha! I see you."

"You tipsy fool!" cried Durnford, "it's on us."

I am no coward, but no doubt my nerves had been shaken. Moreover, I forgot that I could swim. I was consequently unable to respond to Durnford's appeal to help him to get Edith to the bank, but clung desperately to the side of the overturned boat, screaming vainly for help. The boat struck the timbers of the weir, whilst I clutched a green and slippery beam and held on desperately, till Durnford, wading into the water, handed me an oar and dragged me to the bank, where I sank exhausted and speechless.

Then my heartless rescuer abused me, whilst Edith, her wet brown hair clinging round her soaking shoulders, listened with silent approval.

Next I remember being taken to a riverside inn, where I was put to bed and given hot brandy and water till the doctor came and reversed the treatment with strong sedatives.

"We'll get rid of that," said he soothingly.

When at last I was well enough to leave my bed and return to London I had an interview with Durnford, who advised me not to see Edith and her mother just yet. "The fact is," he explained, "they've heard a little too much of this Grey Shadow of yours. You've been talking a lot of rot, and it's the sort of thing people understand, you know."

I protested, and he became brutal. It was, he explained, "no good mincing matters"—the fellow naturally chose horrible figures of speech—but Edith was now engaged to be married to him, and had no desire to see me until I was clothed in my right mind.

My peace of mind and health of body are now partially restored, but I have made up my mind never to see Edith again, whose mother had the effrontery to send me a most indigestible piece of wedding-cake, which I am keeping to give to a little black dog—when next I see one.

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Rosalind's Fashions.

A GOOD many of the picturesque three-cornered hats have been in evidence lately. The shape was revived some months ago, but has not till lately caught on, though it is to many faces most becoming, especially so to the youthful and those with the hair dressed well out on either side. In Fig. 1 I give a smart and pretty example of the tricorne or Dick Turpin chapeau in green felt, faced up with green velvet, a couple of black ostrich-tips being fastened on the left side by a twist or knot of green velvet. These eighteenth-century hats are one of the innumerable revivals of the picturesque past which are becoming daily more notable, and, one must add, more delightful; for this waning—or, as some have it, waned—nineteenth century has not been strong in original sartorial invention from a beauty point of view, though it has been eminently so from the hygienic.

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A DICK TURPIN HAT.

The Empire Period is in special favour at present, and "Josephine" gowns for day or evening wear, and "Josephine" coats, are in great demand. That the short-waisted mode is becoming only to a youthful, graceful figure goes without saying, for it is distinctly trying and unmercifully shows up any defects of outline. The coatee or short "Directoire" coat of ermine is one of the exclusive items of the fashionable wardrobe, with revers of sable, satin, or velvet to relieve the dead white of the fur next the face.

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A Dainty Model of this kind is illustrated in Fig. 2. The cut of the coat is clearly shown. The revers and

AN ERMINE AND VELVET COAT.

collar are of black velvet, opening over a stock and cravat of yellowish lace. A charming little muff is worn *en suite* of ermine, lined (like the coat) with white satin and turned back with black velvet, whence falls a frill of the same soft yellowish lace as the stock and cravat are composed of. The black carsecil coatees with ermine revers are being reproduced in such terribly second-rate imitations that they will be speedily dismissed from the favour of the modish: but those in ermine, sable, Persian lamb, and sealskin are being much exploited, and are likely to be. Shoulder-capes of fur and lace with long stole ends are much favoured, and make a very stylish—or, as our American cousins would say, elegant—finish to an outdoor toilette or theatre-wrap; but it is, of course, *only* a finish, giving warmth to the neck alone.

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One of the Newest Designs in evening gowns is shown in Fig. 3. This is very simple in style, and suitable for small dances, at-homes, or any evening reception not demanding so elaborate a toilette as a ball or equally important function would do. This gown is of soft white muslin over a pale yellow slip. The skirt has a set of little frills round the hem, which are repeated on the fichu-like bertha on the ends of the scarf, and round the elbow-sleeves. A big rosette of pale yellow silk fastens the scarf.

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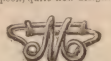
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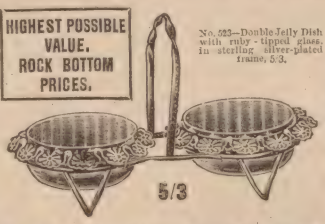
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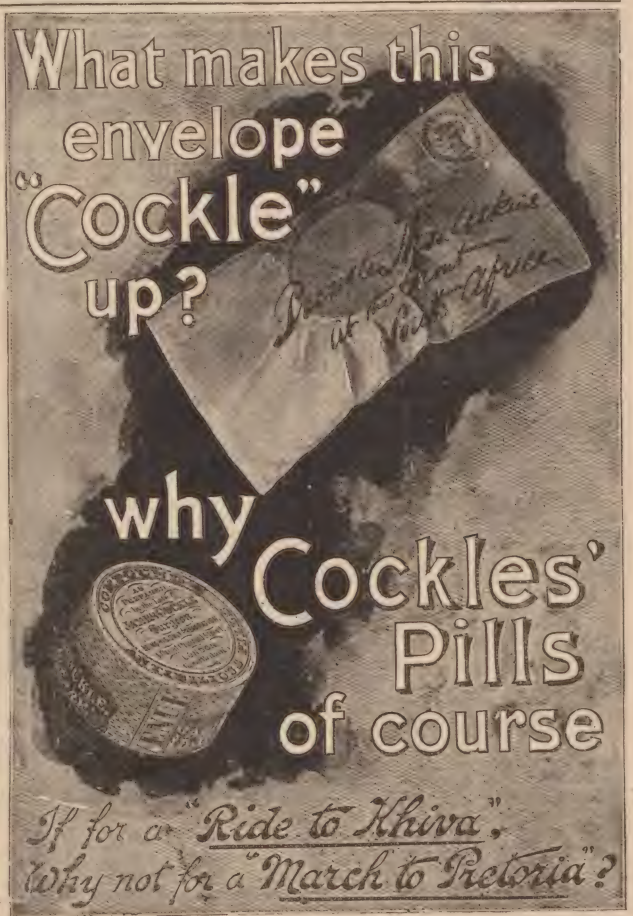

THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

THE BEAUTIFUL DINNER-DRESS illustrated this week is taken from that necessary adjunct to every artistic home, *The Sketch*. It consists of the palest lemon-coloured mousseline-de-soie, pleated at the side in tiny hand-sewn tucks, with a long pointed waist-belt of black velvet. This wonderful belt is split up into fine ribbons, which descend at the back of the gown, running through chiffon pleats to the end of train, elaborate designs in fine gold embroidery being thrown into relief at the sides and front of dress by a background of rich mandarin-orange panne. Ladies are always wanting a new style of hair-dressing, and I am able to reproduce, by the courtesy of *The Sketch*, a style of coiffure which hair-dressers are trying hard to establish. But I question if it will take.

Only Beautiful Women

can stand this particular method of dressing their locks low and still remain beautiful.

A correspondent writes to me in despair because she says she cannot dress upon her allowance of

Thirty Pounds a Year.

"What am I to do?" she says. "My seven-pound-ten a quarter is gone before I have got anything that I really want." My dear girl, you must be a rather bad manager. Why do you buy anything that you do not really want? It is bad enough to do so when you have a large allowance, but it is simply madness with only £30 a year. With good management wonders can be done with the sum, but if it is fristered away on things that you can do without, you will never be able to buy what you want. If you go out much in the evening I do not see exactly how you are going to provide pretty evening frocks. You no doubt love coloured frocks or white, but I fear

You Must Chiefly Wear Black,

and vary the trimming on the bodice by means of lace and flowers, as you can so easily do now: and as the useful blouse still remains in favour, a pretty one in white cream, or any pale colour, is very useful for half dress. But I should not go in for a violent contrast—for instance, a vivid scarlet, or very bright pink or yellow blouse is no longer in good taste with a black skirt. But white or cream, or very pale pink or blue, can be worn if the black is carried out on the bodice. But let your black skirt be of good material, it is really

The Most Economical Dress

you can have; good white material too, such as satin, all silk, not cotton-backed, will wear so well that it seems as if it would never wear out. And do try to have your frocks, no matter how cheap they are, well made. Cut and fit are everything, and a cheap material, well and prettily made up, is much better than an expensive material which has been "botched" by an inferior dressmaker. It is wise not to have too many gowns, for the fashions change so quickly that you find yourself in possession of several garments which are all out of date, and cannot perhaps be altered. The same rule applies to hats and bonnets. It is also wise to

Give a Good Price for Walking Shoes and Boots,

If cheap, the material is inferior, the cut is bad, and they do not wear. The narrow-toed shoes are still in favour; indeed, they seem to be longer and more pointed than ever, and it seems strange that such an ugly fashion should prevail for so long.

Raphael Tuck's Cards and Calendars

are this year very good and tasteful; and so also are Marcus Ward's. The sending of cards at Christmas is a kindly fashion, which it seems a pity to drop.

Messrs. Dickins and Jones, of Regent Street, are now showing a grand display of goods from the Paris Exhibition. There are

Handsome Costumes, Millinery, and Mantles,

and a case of really magnificent real lace, which won the only gold medal, which was awarded to the Belgian Lace Manufactory. These exhibits are being sold considerably under cost price.

There has been lately a meeting of the

Advocates of Rational Dress,

and many of the women present wore divided skirts. These garments are somewhat like the motor-car—they are useful, but very ugly; and

A BEAUTIFUL DINNER-GOWN.

yet I see no good reason why they should not be pretty and graceful.

Lady Harberton

made one remark which it would have been wiser to have left unsaid. She declared that drunkenness in women increases according to the length of their skirts! What is the connection between the two? I cannot say that. When I wear a long-skirted dress, I feel no more desire to take to drinking than when my dress is short, and that is no desire whatever. A short skirt or a divided skirt, as at present made, in a room looks quite as bad, if not worse, than a long dress.

Everyone is talking of the romantic marriage of the young Duke of Manchester. As he and his bride were both of age it does not seem to have been necessary to have

A Secret Marriage,

but it is possible that both of the young people were anxious to have a quiet wedding; but, then, even his family were not in the secret. I think it is a very good thing to bring new blood into our old families in England, and as many of them are not rich, the dowries of the American girls are also acceptable. It is said that the young Duchess is very handsome and charming, a fair girl with a beautiful figure. I hope they will be happy.

A Girl Correspondent

wishes to know what she is to do in the following case: The man she is engaged to has given up corresponding with her, and she has not the slightest idea of the reason. She has written to him repeatedly, and yet there is no reply. Is she to take for granted that he has given her up? I fear that she has no alternative but to do so. Can she not get her father to write to him to

Ask for an Explanation?

He surely has no right to break off all intercourse without explaining why. If he refuses to explain, I should advise my correspondent to return his ring and his presents, and to take no further notice of him. I suppose she is quite sure the man is not ill or dead. I suppose he is not in South Africa? If he is, his letters may have been lost on their way home. If he is abroad, let him have the benefit of the doubt a little longer.

Some of my readers may like to know the names of

Books for Very Little Children.

I can give some. "The Children's Wonderland" and "A Noah's Ark Geography" would give endless delight in the nursery. Also "The Palette-Book," "Jumblies, and Other Nonsense Verses," and "Nonsense Songs." Suitable Christmas gift-books are the bound annual volumes of the *Sunday at Home*, *Good Words*, and the *Leisure Hour*. Also, for the very little ones, "Animals at Home," untearable, "Our Darlings," annual volume. A book for boys is "Valour and Victory," stories by Gordon Stables and others, and another also for boys, "Geoff Blake: His Chums and His Foes." Two birthday-books which will find many admirers are "Precept and Promise," verses from the Bible (Warne and Co.), and "The Tennyson Birthday Book," published by Ward, Lock, and Co.

Two New Books,

not specially for Christmas, are "A Rogue in Love," by that clever writer Tom Gallon, and "An American Lady," by Annie Swan.

Good Example for the Christmas Holidays.

One of the most enterprising of London furnishing firms has set a good example, which I commend to the notice of other business men. I am glad to note that, as Christmas Day falls upon a Tuesday this year, Messrs. Oetzmann and Co., Hampstead Road, propose closing their establishments in London, Dublin, and Ryde from two o'clock Saturday, Dec. 22, until Thursday morning, Dec. 27, so as to give their staff four clear days' holiday. What a delightful boon if this could become general!

Going with the "Times."

The *Times* system has become in America part of the great business system of the country, and the instalment novel plan introduced by the *Times* in England is adopted by all trades and manufacturers in New York. Following the

THE NEWEST STYLE OF HAIR-DRESSING.

Times with the "Encyclopædia Britannica," the well-known watchmakers and jewellers, J. W Benson, Limited, of Ludgate Hill, E.C., adopted this novel plan for all their watches with great success.

Apropos of General Sir Redvers Buller's richly deserved eulogium of his native county, which has accorded him such a right hearty welcome, I have much pleasure in printing the following appreciative poem from one of Devon's most gifted daughters, Winifred Heard—

"SWEET DEVON."

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Sweet Devon! Loved where'er we roam!
Is there a spot on earth like home?
When sun shines on thy gorse-lit hills
And laughing go thy rippling rills,
With sweetest breezes blowing o'er
The purple-shaded hill and moor,
When heather comes with fairy bell
And rings across the woodland dells,
What sea so blue or sky so clear
When May has gone and June is here:
When May-blooms cast their drifts of snow
From every tree and fair hedgerow,
And roses in a tangle go!

When all the woods are gay with flowers,
And all the dales are fairy bowers,
When garden-lands with ripe fruits gleam,
And low-voiced flows the meadow stream;
When bird-songs fill the scented air,
And swallows fly in circles fair;
When cuckoo's notes ring far and wide,
And echo with the flowing tide;
When whispering go the russet leaves
O'er golden corn in graceful sheaves,
And ripened fruits of harvest come,
Where shall we find a spot like home,
Whatever part of earth we roam!

MARGUERITE.

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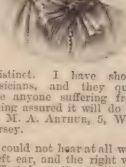

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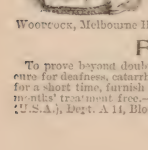

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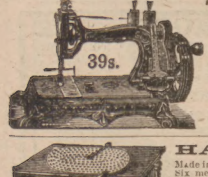

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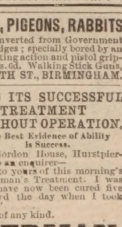

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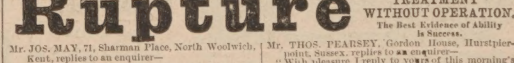

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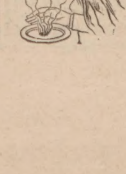

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THE RACING WORLD.

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Manchester November Handicap

to be run on the New Barns Course. I call it the last but one in this connection, because after January 1902 the Manchester Race Company will migrate to Castle Irwell. There they are laying out what ought to be one of the best racing establishments in this or any other country. To use a common phrase, money is made no object so long as they can provide the best of going for the horses to run there, the best vantage for customers who come to see them run, and the best accommodation to house and refresh equine and human visitors.

I hope that the noble racing army of backers may not

At Castle Irwell

repeat the experience gained on Saturday last at New Barns. There all the fancies, the favourites, second favourites, middle-priced ones, and outsiders within reasonable limits went down before a horse casually backed by anyone except its owner and a few who, hearing that Mr. Gottschalk was throwing away a few sovereigns, thought they might as well take like risks.

When Lexicon won the Cambridgeshire last year, the

Popular Mr. Ben

had to be persuaded to back his horse. This time he almost in despair invested a little at 50 to 1, which is about five times the price he would have got after a win against Dominie II. and Cracker. On that occasion Lexicon would not go at all for Morny Cannon, and cost the party dearly, for they bet heavily on theirs. Had Lexicon scored the double event, the money won in the first race would have been put on for the Cup, and a big coup realised.

Mr. "Gaiety" George Edwardes

was a very unlucky man to lose. Glenart's owner was not favoured, for his horse swerved badly when looking likely to keep the lead. Clarehaven and Santoi came into violent collision three hundred yards from home, a mishap which settled the Cesarewitch winner's chance, and caused Santoi, who, I believe, was in fault, to swerve and lose several lengths. This

Made Lexicon's Opportunity,

and Heppell, a man of twenty-three, generally called a boy, riding with great determination, just reached the post with the right stride. By the right stride I mean to say that he was beaten two yards below the post and well beaten again three yards beyond it. It would have been a grand thing for Kempton Cannon if he could have scored for our friend.

Mr. Edwardes is Very Liberal in his Racing Dealings,

and Kemmy is now "out of his time." You can scarcely call one who has attained his majority a boy, but this now fine rider has been a boy to his friends so long, and is still so youthful in appearance, that the style seems most fitting.

Kemmy

in the middle of last week began to earn money for himself. He has come on wonderfully since he educated himself in the American style, and is sure to get very near the top of the tree next season. When that comes I expect that most of our English jockeys will have accepted the inevitable, and persuaded themselves to do as the Yankees do — and that is, ride as English jockeys did fifty or sixty years ago.

If that change is made, as I am sure it will be, I do not expect to find

Lester Reiff.

or any other American jockey, at the top of the list of winning riders. That Lester would be was most probable at the beginning of the week, and at Manchester he speedily put all doubt on the subject at an end. He never rode better, and Sam Loates never rode worse; one was full of confidence, the other out of luck. Johnny Reiff, a remarkably clever little imp, finished third in the list, so beating all our jockeys except Sam Loates. Johnny is clever, but there are limits beyond which even the cleverest of boys of his weight cannot pass. I give him all credit for getting where he has got. At the same time I take the fact of his phenomenal success as final conclusive proof that the American procumbent position must give its adoptors a pull of many pounds. Let me add one word of advice to my sporting friends who like dog-pictures. If you would secure the fine patriotic cartoon,

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Remember always though apart we roam."
Dear, there were tear-drops, glistening so brightly,
In those sweet eyes that are the violet's hue.
Dear, those warm fingers held my own so tightly,
As once again you promised to be true.

Love me for ever, dear, as 'mid the roses,
Sweet will our lives be till earth's vision closes,
Fair as this blossom, I shall prize for ever,
For you will fail me, darling, never, never,
For you will love me, darling, ever, ever.

Dear one, you gave me, out amid the roses,
This simple flower amid your smiles and tears,
While in those lovely eyes true love reposes,
Oh! may it live through long dividing years.
Dear, I can labour, for sweet Hope is blending
With all the sorrow of our parting pain,
The longest night must sometime have an ending,
The day must dawn when we shall meet again.

Hope, love, for ever, for when Hope's door closes
Dark will our lives be, dead the summer roses,
Dead as this blossom, I shall prize for ever,
For you will fail me, darling, never, never,
For you will love me, darling, ever, ever.

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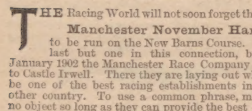

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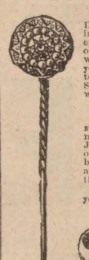

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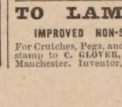

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